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Labor's Program on Aged

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(Milk Drivers 302)

Public assistance available to the aged in California consists of two programs: (1) the federal-state-county program generally known as the old age security law; and (2) the county program known variously as indigent aid, or home relief, or county relief. Both these programs are a last resort in maintaining the income of our aging population.

Employment for those still able and willing to work, private savings and pensions, and the federal social security pension (old age and survivors insurance) are or should be the first resort of the aging in maintaining income. Any improvement in these programs or activities are earnestly desired by the aging as a more dignified and satisfying solution to their income problem and will lessen the demand for public assistance.

However, we must recognize that a large group of aging persons will be forced to turn to public assistance. Discrimination in employment against the aged continues; federal social security payments are low, despite recent improvements in the law and many individuals are not covered by the federal social security law or have been covered for such a brief period that they do not receive sufficient pensions.

274,427 Elders Aided by State

As of August, 1951, 274,427 persons in California were receiving old age security under the state law. There were 45,346 persons receiving home relief, a portion of these persons were older persons still too young for old age security or unable to meet residence requirements.

Some form of old age pension law has been on the California statute books since 1929, when the first law was passed to provide a maximum pension of $30 a month to United States citizens 70 years of age and over with 15 years residence in California. Thus even the conservatives in the 1920's recognized that the old methods of meeting the problems of the aged were no longer valid.

Urbanization, high rents and small houses brought small families unable, economically or psychologically, to absorb aging parents, grandparents, single or widowed aunts and uncles.

In the succeeding years, our legislatures have recognized to a still fuller extent that the financial problems of the aged and their adult children can be met most fairly by spreading the cost evenly among all families through governmental programs of aid supported by taxes.

Public assistance today then must show the same sense of responsibility towards the aged as was shown by our old family society of colonial days and it must give to the aged the same sense of dignity and worth that the colonial solution gave. The old goals remain; new methods must be used.

Specifically we must:

Dignified Basis For Aid Needed

1. Old age security should be granted on the most dignified basis to the applicant.

The basic philosophy of the federal state old age assistance program has changed since its inception. Originally, the program was considered as a stop-gap measure to take care of truly needy people only until the old age and survivors insurance program became fully operative.

Under OASI, the benefit or pension is a matter of right. However, the federal congress failed for many years to broaden the coverage of the old age and survivors insurance program or to increase benefits to correspond to increases in living costs and wages. The changes were not made until 1950, and even under the amendments the average primary benefit is still only $42.73 (August, 1951). (The "primary" benefit is that for the applicant alone without regard to his dependents; additional benefits for dependents are in proportion to the primary benefit.)

Federal congress inaction and inflation therefore lead the states to make the public assistance program more nearly a pension program under which applicants received a grant more or less as a matter of right, without too much emphasis on need.

Since the federal old age and survivors insurance benefit is still so low, despite the 1950 amendments, the trend towards granting state old age security as a matter of right should be continued as the most dignified solution to the problem pending additional corrective action by the federal congress on the old age and survivors insurance law.

Cost of Living Rises Needed

2. Provide cost of living increases in state pensions.

The principle of cost of living adjustments in wage or salaries has been well accepted by public and private employers. In times of rapidly rising prices, such as in recent months, a cost of living adjustment in pensions seems entirely fair and just.

It is not possible for the legislature to meet or to act on the amount of pension every time living costs rise; an amendment to the law for an automatic cost of living adjustment is the best solution to this problem.

Since the $75 pension for the aged was first enacted, effective January 1, 1949, the cost of living has increased 6.8 per cent so that in terms of purchasing power the $75 pension is worth only $70.29.

Stop Begging From Children!

3. Repeal the relatives responsibility clause in the old age security law.

The needy aged in our state are entitled to dignity and security. They should not be compelled to beg from their children. The natural family ties of affection will, in nearly every case, result in aid from responsible relatives when financial factors make it at all possible.

Thus a study made in 1944 by the Social Welfare Department showed that over 55 per cent of the relatives then contributing to old age security recipients were not actually required to contribute under the scale then in effect, and contributions made by responsible relatives were 32 per cent greater than required by law.

Nineteen states have no requirement for responsible relative contributions. Collections from responsible relatives amounted to $5,124,000 in 1948, when a responsible relative clause was in effect, and dropped only slightly to $4,528,000 in 1949 when no responsible relatives clause was in effect due to Article 25.

The loss of about $556,000 (which cannot in any case be attributed entirely to the elimination of the responsible relatives clause) is more than offset by the savings of about $1,000,000 in administrative costs required by the relatives responsibility clause. The one million administrative cost is an estimate by the Social Welfare Department.

If the relatives responsibility clause cannot be repealed, then the contribution scale should be further liberalized by exempting from contributions single relatives with a monthly income of under $300, with corresponding changes in the remainder of the scale.

As an additional alternative, we also recommend that no effort be made to collect or enforce contributions amounting to under $5.00. Information furnished by the Social Welfare Department in 1950 indicated that 28 per cent of the responsible relatives making contributions to an old age security recipient made payments of $5.00 or less, but only 7 per cent of the total contributions to the support of the old age recipients were from this group.

Simplify the Administration!

4. The old age security program should be a straight state financed and administered program.

The administration of the old age security program is complex enough, due to its federal-state nature, and the addition of a third governmental unit in the program makes matters worse. Uniform application of complex regulations cannot be well achieved when the employes involved operate under 58 different merit systems and county boards of supervisors.

In addition, duplication of activities occurs under the 58 county administrative units topped by the State Department of Social Welfare. And no county will accept the case history of another county when an applicant moves.

At present the total cost of the old age security program, based on estimates for 1951-1952, is $245,400,000, divided as follows:

Federal	$105,197,393
State	116,721,303
County	23,497,977

Only 18 states, including California, still retain local administration under state supervision and joint federal-state-county financial support.

Medical Aid on Equal Basis!

5. Medical and other excess needs should be granted to all old age security recipients on an equal basis.

In effect the present California law and administrative regulations recognize "excess needs" for medical and other expenses only for pensioners with outside income. For example:

1. Suppose a recipient who is under the care of a doctor is charged $3.50 for one visit a month, and his medicine costs $2.50 a month. The recipient must live near a shopping center and must pay $25.00 rent. That recipient's total need is $75.00 plus $3.50 (doctor's charge) plus $2.50 (medicine) plus $10.00 (the amount by which rent exceeds the $15.00 allowable under basic needs) or $91.00. The recipient has $20.00 monthly income from one source. Total need $91.00 minus income $20.00 is $71.00. His old age security grant is $71.00.

2. The recipient's total need, including allowance for special needs is $88.00. The recipient has $5.00 income. Although the difference between total need and the income is $83.00, the old age security grant is $75.00 because this is the largest amount that can be paid under the law.

Accordingly we recommend that excess needs for health and medical expenses be allowed up to a maximum of $25.00 a month, as provided in the old age assistance initiative.

Public Nursing Homes Needed

6. Public nursing homes with at least partial state support should be provided for aged pensioners who are difficult nursing problems.

As Governor Warren and others have pointed out an unjustifiable proportion of aged persons, who are slightly senile, absent minded, or difficult nursing problems are being placed in mental hospitals.

Such aged persons are not mental cases and can more appropriately, happily, and economically be cared for in public aged nursing homes. Private homes are too expensive for the average pensioner, even though the cost of such private nursing can be credited up to $210.00 per month as "excess needs" against outside income. If the aged person has no outside income then obviously he cannot pay for nursing care from his $75 a month grant.

During the 1951 session of the legislature, a bill to appropriate one million dollars to assist counties in constructing facilities for the care of the aged who are chronically ill was passed by the assembly. However, it died in the Senate Committee on Finance. The proposal should be reconsidered as a humane solution to the problem of illness and poverty.

State Standards For Counties

7. County indigent aid should be made a state-county program with state minimum standards.

Many aging persons are unemployable because of age, or disability, but have not reached the 65 years making them eligible for the old age security grant. The passage of a state law for aid to the permanently and totally disabled would help some of these persons, but the state legislature has twice refused such a law. In addition, many older persons are not specifically disabled, but are unable to obtain jobs because of their age. A revision of employer attitudes on this matter is extremely important, but in the meantime these too-young older people are left on county relief.

County relief standards are deplorably low and there is no uniformity from one county to another on eligibility for aid or the amount of aid to be granted.

In many counties the residence requirements are far too high. In all counties the amount of aid is entirely inadequate, averaging only $40.02 per month per single person case in August, 1951. Forty dollars per month obviously represents sub-standard living at today's prices.

The Relief Act of 1945 is a stand-by act which becomes effective only on a finding of emergency and need by the legislature or the governor.

We feel that the present time is appropriate for bringing this act into effect. The relief rolls are now relatively low and the impact upon the state and counties of the act would be slight, but would give both government agencies an opportunity to work out proper procedures. The act provides for state aid to the counties and for state standards in the granting and administration of aid.

The most liberal of the county aid eligibility standards are illustrated by the following data for San Francisco. These figures indicate the rock bottom level of living required of applicants:

1. Savings account of $1.00 (used to cash relief check).

2. Insurance cannot have a cash value of over $100.00.

3. The residence requirement is three years in the state and one in the county. Non-residents are returned to their county or state of residence. Non-residents with no residence established elsewhere get aid through special provisions if they are unemployable only.

4. Personal effects must be at a minumum as determined by investigation.

5. Real property with an assessed value of $3000 may be owned, but the city obtains a lien against it for the amount of aid given.

The maximum amount of rent authorized for any case is $40.00, and that for a family of two is $26.00 a month. Aid is limited to food and rent, though some clothing may be allowed if a case is carried for a long time.

7-Point Plan For Improving Help to Aged

The statement by Jeffery Cohelan published herewith was presented by him before the Public Assistance Section of the Governor's Conference on Problems of the Aging in Sacramento October 16.

It presents the needs of the aged in the state from labor's point of view. Cohelan advocates:

1—Dignified basis of relief.
2—Living cost increases in state pensions.
3—Repeal of relatives' responsibility clause.
4—Simplifying of administration.
5—Medical and other excess aid on an equal basis.
6—Public nursing homes with at least partial state aid.
7—County indigent aid made a state-county program with state minimum standards.

Labor Law Firm Earns BTC Praise

The law firm of Joseph E. Smith and William S. Parrish came in for high praise from several delegates at the Tuesday meeting of the Building Trades Council.

Paul Jones, Laborers 304, told the delegates of a number of recent workmen's compensation cases that were won by Smith and Parrish for his union.

The cases involved compensation awards ranging from $3000 to $13,000.

Jones said his union had received far more money back in the form of compensation awards than the union was paying for the firm's excellent services.

Others who echoed Jones' sentiments were X. G. Restos, Electricians 595 and BTC Secretary John Davy.

Davy, remarking on the small cost and high benefits to be derived from a union's association with Smith and Parrish, said "It's the best deal I've ever seen in my life."

LIAISON OFFICER

Paul Jones has been appointed by the BTC as its liaison officer with the Alameda County Board of Supervisors.

Jones' job will be to keep in constant touch with the supervisors in order to ease and speed the way for building trades craftsmen who need hospital services.

AID FOR VETS

Joe Pruss, Sheetmetal Workers 216, reported on the activities of the Veterans' Christmas Committee which met at the Moose Club last week.

Pruss said that more money will have to be raised if the 2900 hospitalized veterans in the Bay Area are to have a merry Christmas.

He urged the delegates to go back to their union memberships and "get them to contribute as much as they can to help the hospitalized veterans who are lonely and far from home."

LABOR PRESS INSTITUTE

BTC Business Representative Jack Reynolds has been appointed as the council's delegate to the Second Annual AFL Labor Press Institute to be held in Santa Barbara November 24-25.

LLOYD CHILD IN EAST

BTC President Lloyd Child took off for Detroit yesterday to attend a three-day convention of business agents of Sheetmetal Locals.

The convention opens November 6.

STEAMFITTERS THANK BTC

James Martin, business manager of Steamfitters 342, wrote the council thanking the delegates for their recent contribution on behalf of Lou Kovacevich.

Kovacevich, Local 342's business agent, is at present recuperating from an illness at Herrick Memorial Hospital.

SIGN COMPANY SIGNS

Secretary Davy reported that an agreement has been signed between the BTC and the East Bay Sign Company. Signing for the company was Paul Caton, contractor.

Building Service 18 Elects, Installs Four New Officers

Edna Lallement, vivacious lady labor leader, was installed as president of Building Service Employes 18 at the regular union membership meeting last Friday evening.

Central Labor Council Secretary Robert S. Ash acted as installing officer.

Also installed in his newly elected office of vice-president was Henry Ensor.

Mrs. Lallement and Ensor were elected to their respective positions at an election held on September 26.

At the meeting Friday, Fanny Burfee was elected and installed as union treasurer following the recent untimely passing of Allen Steinbeck, Local 18's likeable treasurer.

Another election for the post of trustee was won by General Self. Mrs. Burfee and Self have been Local 18 members for nine and six years respectively.

Mrs. Burfee is working housekeeper at Lakehurst Hotel, while Self is a porter at the Moose Club Hotel.

ATTENTION!

To All Members Automotive Machinists 1546!

The next regular meeting, Tuesday, November 6th, will include in the regular order of business, the nominations of officers for the ensuing year, 1952.

Fraternally,
A. J. HAYES,
Recording Secretary

Buy Union Label Christmas Cards At Labor Press!

Labor people are urged to buy their union label Christmas cards at the Journal Press, 1236 Second Avenue, part of East Bay Labor Journal's establishment.

Come and pick out your cards now. They are ready for your inspection. Telephone TW. 3-1833.

HOSPITAL CHECKS TO LOCAL BUTCHERS



BUTCHERS' HOSPITAL CHECKS—Milton S. Maxwell, International vice-president of the AFL Butchers Union, happily points to checks totaling $114,426.35 which he received on behalf of eight Northern California AFL Butchers Locals. The sum represents an experience rating credit based on claims experience of the 5438 butchers who are enrolled in the group life, health and welfare program.

Members of the eight locals have received more than $482,000 in benefits during the first year of the program, which is jointly provided by California Physicians' Service and West Coast Life Insurance Company and administered by Blue Shield of California.

Butchers locals which will participate in the credit are Locals 115, 508 and 203 in San Francisco, Local 516 in Burlingame, Local 532 in Vallejo, Local 120 in Oakland, Local 506 in San Jose and Local 364 in Santa Rosa. With Maxwell are (center) Van Vannette of West Coast Life and (right) Loren Atwood of CPS.

Laborers' Big Convention

Milkers Win Long Battle

The Milkers have won their 17-month battle with dairymen backed by the Associated Farmers.

The names of 10 dairies, long on the We Don't Patronize list published on the editorial page of East Bay Labor Journal, were this week officially struck off at request of Central Labor Council Secretary Robert S. Ash.

The struggle started when Dairy and Creamery Employes Local 304, commonly called Milkers 304, ran into difficulties in trying to organize 18 dairies. The union already had contracts with many other dairies.

The 18 dairies were backed by the Sonoma-Marin Dairy Association, which was in turn backed by the Associated Farmers.

CLC BACKS MILKERS

The Central Labor Council here backed Milkers 304, an affiliate of the Teamsters, to the hilt. Some 7000 gallons of milk which had been coming into the whole milk market here were shut off by the boycott.

The Sonoma-Marin Association diverted the milk into cheese and butter and other manufactured products elsewhere, but the dairymen got less money for that.

Posses of dairymen turned out, armed, to prevent picketing. Court proceedings were started by some of the dairymen. At one time, a court order forbade Milk Drivers 302 from refusing to handle the hot milk. But members of that local, acting apart from the union, and standing on their individual constitutional rights, went on looking askance at that boiling hot milk.

LONG NEGOTIATIONS

For some time now, negotiations have been going on, in Oakland, Tracy, Los Angeles, San Francisco, and way stations.

Out of the original 18 embattled dairy owners, 14 were left in the last stages of the struggle.

The final negotiation meeting, at which 10 of the 14 agreed to sign stipulations of peace were attended on the union side by Johnny Silva of Milkers 304, Al Brown of Milk Drivers 302, Teamsters International Representative Einar Mohn, and Attorney M. O. Tobriner.

Others had worked on the negotiations earlier, including William Franklin of the Teamsters' Western Dairy Council, and George Hunt and Jeffery Cohelan of Milk Drivers 302.

STIPULATIONS SIGNED

The stipulation signed individually by each of the 10 dairymen provides that representatives of the union have the right to visit the workers on the farms, and organize; that there will be no interference, or any discrimination against those joining the union; that if a majority of the workers on the place sign up, the union will be negotiated with for a contract.

The Associated Farmers made no bones about their connection with the matter, and put out a press release as the boycott ended.

The 10 signers of the stipulation are: El Solyo Ranch, Vernalis; M. R. Furtado, Tracy; Norval Knutsen, Hughson; George Clever, Tracy; Leo P. Hedegard, Modesto; M. A. DesJardinz, Modesto; Ielmerini; Henry Ielmerini, Petaluma; J. Ielmerini, Marin; M. Scott, Marin; Delcini, Marin.

The four holdout dairies which are still boycotted are: John Viera, Livingston; Alves & Son, Cressey; U. J. Reeves, Tracy; Max Foster, Modesto.

Paint Makers Sign Up Gibson Company

The Gibson Paint Company has signed with Paint Makers 1101.

Business Representative Pete Ceremello called on the management and notified them that the Central Labor Council was backing the union in its dispute with the company about organization.

The management decided to sign. So reported Jack Kopke at the meeting of the Central Labor Council this week.

Correction, Please!

We wish to correct the misspelling of a name which appeared in the last issue of East Bay Labor Journal. The name should have appeared as Edgar F. Smith, of Springfield, Ill., who was re-elected third vice-president at the 11th convention in Chicago of the AFL Hod Carriers, Building and Common Laborers Union.

Lalor Gains High Office

Delegates from four Alameda County local unions were back this week from the Hod Carriers and Laborers International Union convention in Chicago.

The four locals were: Laborers 304, Hod Carriers 166, Clerks and Lumber Handlers 939, and Shipyard Laborers 886.

Lee Lalor of Laborers 304 was made sixth international vice-president by acclamation. He succeeds Joseph Marshall of San Francisco, retiring because of age, who made the speech nominating him. Delegates were greatly moved by Marshall's speech.

Lalor has for some time been business representative of the Northern California District Council of Laborers.

LOCAL 304 PLEASED

George Gibbs, also of Local 304, succeeds Lalor in that post. Paul Jones, secretary of Laborers 304, said:

"Naturally we of Local 304 are very much pleased to see members of our organization taking such a prominent part in the affairs of the union."

Lalor as sixth vice-president will be consultant-conciliator for California, Nevada, Arizona and the Pacific Islands.

The convention was held Monday through Friday, October 15-19, in Plumbers Hall on Washington tSreet, with convention headquarters in the Morrison Hotel.

Arrangements were made by the general executive board to have lunch served at Plumbers Hall, which facilitated return of the delegates to their seats after the luncheon recess. Testimony of all returning delegates was that the luncheon served was something really out of this world, with wonderful sand-

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Landlords Not Content With Only One Hike

East Bay landlords in cities where rents have been decontrolled are beginning to serve notice that one hike in the rents isn't enough. The tenants must expect another hike soon.

This was one of the facts brought out this week by Secretary Robert S. Ash of the Central Labor Council.

Reporting to the delegates on the return-postcard survey the council is making of rent hikes, Ash said that some of the tenants who had already reported hikes were now asking for additional cards to tell of new notices of pending rises.

MANY PHONE IN

"I've been kept busy on the phone answering all sorts of questions about our rent survey," said Ash.

In fact, he said, the thing was developing to a stage where the usual percentage of persons moved in on the project with irrelevant questions.

One man wrote in and asked why the labor movement was worried about rents. "Why not make a survey to find out why people don't go to church?"

But most of those who phone or write are in deadly earnest, he said.

$3.50 PER CHILD

One woman, for instance, told Ash that her rent was given a big boost, with the information added that for each child she had over three years old there would be an additional $5.50 per month, and an additional $3 for the garage.

"How many children over three years old have you?" asked Ash.

"Two," she replied. "So that makes a total of $10 more for the children and the garage, on top of the big boost in the regular rent."

CAMP PARKS SURVEY

Both Ash and Ed Clancy, Newsdrivers 96, reported on the survey that the Government is making in the Camp Parks area in the southerly part of the county.

They figured that by the looks of things that whole area might soon be declared "critical" under the Defense Mobilization Act. This would mean rent controls would go in force there.

Clancy said that one Government agency lawyer called him up late at night one evening to ask for some data on the rent and housing situation.

"A BIG FIGHT"

"It's beginning to be realized," said Clancy, "that our Central Labor Council is the one group that is spearheading the fight to keep rents down to a reasonable level."

Clancy said that some of the unions had failed to wake up yet to the significance of the fight the Central Labor Council is waging.

"This is a big thing we're engaged in," he said. "We all need to get in and see to it that we win this fight for the people of the area."

AFL Gals' Bowling Team Gets Clipped by Engineers

Verna Eliason returned last week to the line-up of the AFL Labor Temple Gals' Bowling Team, but the Gals nevertheless dropped a two-out-of-three series to the J. Y. Long Engineers.

The games were played at the Oakland Broadway Bowl.

However, Verna helped salvage one of the games for the home team by rolling a torrid 180 score.

The Gals have high hopes of getting back into the win column next week.

Other Gals on the team beside Verna included Eileen Collins, team captain; Ray Lewicki, Maxine Omstead and Elly Schappert.

Women's Auxiliary Plans Whist Party November 10

The Labor Temple Women's Auxiliary will hold its annual fall whist party in the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez Street, Oakland, on November 10 at 8 p. m.

Refreshments will be served. Score cards 50 cents.

The public is invited.

New Draft Policy Will Defer Many Apprentices

Apprenticeship Committee

Joint labor-management apprenticeship committees in the East Bay's critical trades today hailed a Selective Service announcement as a major stride in their protracted efforts to obtain a clear-cut national policy on the deferment of key student craftsmen.

A bulletin from national headquarters of Selective Service noted: "After it became apparent that a shortage of journeymen was developing in the machine-tool industry and many other trades, Maj. Gen. Lewis B. Hershey (the system's national director) . . . immediately directed his staff to study the problem and develop a deferment policy to cover the classification of indentured apprentices."

At the present time, metal trades apprenticeship leaders pointed out, there is an urgent need in the East Bay for skilled manpower in these crafts which hold a national "critical" rating. These include machinists, tool and die makers, patternmakers, molders and coremakers.

"Since the outbreak of war in Korea, representatives of all of these trades—both of management and the unions—have had a part in the effort to obtain a specific deferment policy for apprentices whose development is of vital importance in the defense program," declared William Harold Oliver of Oakland, chairman of the Machinists' Joint Apprenticeship Committee of Alameda and Contra Costa Counties.

"Our committees," Oliver added, "have given careful study to the overall apprenticeship - Selective Service problem in submitting the contention that apprentices in skilled trades should be considered in the same light as outstanding college students."

There also has been an exhaustive exploration of the matter on the state level by the California Apprenticeship Council, Oliver noted.

The Selective Service bulletin from Washington contained this statement:

"National Headquarters' present plans do not anticipate recognition of any apprentice program which is less than two years in length. The plans also anticipate a 'sliding scale which may be raised or lowered in conformity with the available manpower pool. It is felt under present conditions that we can afford to let any apprentice who has completed more than six months in the program to remain therein until completion."

The bulletin said that "all interested parties have been advised to use care in the selection of apprentices because they may be ordered for induction at any time during their . . . probationary period."

Four years is the average length of apprenticeship programs in the East Bay, which now are guided by more than 50 committees. Oliver said present enrollments top the 3000-mark. Several hundred are in critical trades.

AFL Commentator Frank Edwards, KFRC, 10:15 P. M., Monday Through Friday

ADA Distributes Book Stressing Need For Better Point Four Aid

WASHINGTON (LPA).—A realistic analysis of America's failures in fighting Communism in Asia and a challenging, hard-headed program for "mending our fences" is given by Arthur Goodfriend in his new book, "The Only War We Seek."

The 128-page book, which emphasizes in dramatic pictures and brief, pointed paragraphs the need for positive "rice-roots" American aid such as the Point Four concept, is being distributed by Americans for Democratic Action.

Goodfriend is a free-lance writer, editor of the European and Far Eastern editions of Stars and Stripes during World War II, and a special representative of the State Department in the Far East.

INDICTS "CHARITY"

His book is an indictment of the American habit of trying to win friends by "charity" and overpowering quantities of machines the natives do not understand and regard with suspicion, while failing to "reach the hearts and minds of the very people we tried to help."

"Communism," he points out, started not with government, but with people. It took them as they were. It wore their kind of clothes, ate their kind of food, exploited their misery, played on their hopes and fears . . . at the people's level.

"Communism studied American aid, saw our failure to explain and popularize it, and mocked it, traduced it, offered false explanations of its own.

"We are locked in a struggle between two ideas for the minds and hearts of men. The stakes are life and death.

"To win, we must understand the meaning, method and goal of each system, and act in the knowledge that the mind and spirit of the free world, just as much as its material power, will decide mankind's fate.

DEMOCRACY CAN WIN

"Democracy can win, if we adopt our genius for selling goods to spreading better understanding of our political faith, so that people can choose, not between Communism and nylons, but between slavery and liberty, lies and truth, life and death."

The "tea-cup, top-hat, talk-talk level" of American diplomatic operations needs to be replaced by a "foreign-service infantry, trained to teach and practice the true meaning of democracy, willing and able to soil their hands in helping others to help themselves," Goodfriend says.

The title of the book is taken from President Truman's message to Congress on the Mutual Security program for 1952.

He said "the only kind of war we seek is the good old fight against man's ancient enemies—poverty, disease, hunger and illiteracy."

The pictures are from the files of LIFE magazine.

Chester Bowles, new ambassador to India and former national vice-chairman of ADA, wrote the forward.

A special $1 paper-bound edition has been printed for ADA, which cooperated with Goodfriend in developing the book. A number of other national organizations are distributing the book to their membership.

A $3 edition will be available through commercial channels.

Cost of Living at New High, Means Pay Boosts for 170,000

WASHINGTON (LPA)—The cost of living reached a new high in mid-September, the Bureau of Labor Statistics has reported. Both the old and new consumer price index went up sixtenths of one per cent, the old one to 186.5 and the new one to 186.6.

That means it now takes $1.87 to buy what $1 bought in 1935-39.

The higher index means automatic pay increases for 170,000 workers whose union contracts include cost-of-living escalator clauses. The largest single group is 70,000 employes of General Electric, who got a pay boost of 1.1 per cent retroactive to September 15. They are represented by the CIO Electrical Workers.

The auto workers and the railroad workers are not affected, as their quarterly pay adjustments under escalator clauses are based on other months.

INDEXES UP 9.5 PER CENT

Both old and new indexes are about 9.5 per cent above pre-Korea, and nearly 3 per cent higher than January 15, 1951, base date for permissible cost of living increases, under federal wage regulations.

Between mid-August and mid-September, clothing prices rose 2.7 per cent. Food went up, and so did rents. The clothing price rise was mainly in overcoats and other fall and winter items, with prices up in all 10 cities surveyed.

Food prices were higher in 33 cities, lower in 21, putting the index 11.9 per cent above pre-Korea. Eggs went up 6 per cent.

Increases for meat, poultry, fish, dairy products, cereals and bakery products were fractional.

RENTS CLIMB

Rents went up an average of half of 1 per cent, being higher in all 11 cities surveyed. The increases reflected the 20 per cent increase allowed under the new federal rent control law.

The index range was from a high of 194.1 (Houston) to a low of 177.8 (Boston) for a national average of 186.6.

Others were: Jacksonville, 192.0; Chicago, 191.8; Birmingham, 191.4; Baltimore, 190.5; Pittsburgh, 190.0; Memphis, 189.9; Detroit, 189.0; **San Francisco, 188.4**; Los Angeles, 187.2; Cincinnati, 186.8; St. Louis, Mo., 186.2; Philadelphia, 186.1; Mobile, Ala., 185.6; Minneapolis, 183.1; New York City, 182.5; Portland, Me., 178.6.

An increase of two-tenths of one per cent between mid-June and mid-July gave a million auto workers an automatic one-cent increase.

Green Likens ICFTU to United Nations As an Important Aid to World Peace

WASHINGTON (LPA)—Work of the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions in promoting trade unions in foreign lands is just as necessary for world peace and economic progress as are economic activities of the United Nations.

So declares AFL President William Green in an editorial in the current issue of the monthly Federationist.

He points out that "ICFTU is a constructive organization which supplements the work of the United Nations as well as giving free trade unionists advisory representation in the economic duties for which it is responsible."

Foremost aim of ICFTU, of which the AFL is an affiliate, "is to extend free trade unionism as a defensive measure necessary to success in our war against aggressive Communism—as well as an economic instrumentality to promote the welfare of wage-earners," Green writes.

"Even while World War II was in progress," he says, "the AFL was providing relief for the victims of dictators and getting aid to resistance groups. Since the war we have supplied financial help to enable workers to break away from Communist-dominated unions to form free trade unions.

"AFL representatives in France and Italy have materially reduced the Communist vote in those countries, thereby helping to provide an environment in which these nations may get ready for defense of Europe.

"In countries where factory industries have been slow in developing, representatives of the AFL have been actively distributing information on how to form trade unions and how to develop collective bargaining.

"Now that ICFTU is organized and functioning ,it will increasingly take over responsibility in this field for organizing free trade unions."

Humphrey Urges Uniform U. S. Health-Safety Code

WASHINGTON (LPA)—Senator Hubert H. Humphrey (D., Minn.), called on Congress to establish a uniform health and safety code throughout industry and provide for rigid enforcement of the standard.

Humphrey told the Senate that "90 per cent of all occupational injuries and illnesses can be prevented." He said that on-the-job injuries total nearly 2,000,000 a year, with one death every four minutes and one injury every 16 seconds.

The Senator's bill would establish a Bureau of Accident Prevention within the Labor Department to draft safety codes industry by industry.

Special panels would be set up to examine accident causes, test materials and machines and keep a constant check on industry safety codes.

Humphrey's measure was introduced only a day before Congress adjourned, so there is no chance of legislative action on his proposal until January.

T-H Change Is Step in Right Direction: Truman

WASHINGTON (LPA) — President Truman signed into law the Taft-Hartley act amendment eliminating NLRB elections before an employer may grant a union shop.

The change, said Truman, was a step in the right direction toward "a new statutory framework" for labor-management relations.

Declaring that many T-H provisions showed "a basic hostility to collective bargaining," Truman said the amendment was recognition by Congress of the need for a law "to enable both management and labor to conduct their affairs without arbitrary government intervention in the collective bargaining process."

He added that he hoped "this step toward improvement of our labor relations laws is the forerunner of the future devolopment of sound legislation behind which labor, management, government and the public may unite to achieve industrial peace and economic progress in the national interest."

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LABOR IN THIS WORLD OF WAR

By the Editor

Watch Aneurin Bevan! That seems to be one major idea that has developed out of last week's election in Britain. Bevan's left wing labor faction did better than did the more conservative majority leaders of labor in the election of last week.

BEVAN wants his country to be neutral in the struggle between the U. S. and Russia. He wants to go ahead getting better conditions for the workers, spending less on armament. You can see how that idea would be appealing to a people weary of austerity.

The fact that it is assumed in Washington that the dominant group in Congress will be more willing to cooperate with Britain now that labor is out and Churchill in, isn't going to make American labor feel too good about it all.

More jobs, higher prices in 1952, is the prediction of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics. That's about what most of us would have predicted without any recourse to statistics.

More atom bombs tested in Nevada, more stalls on the "truce negotiations" in Korea grimmer fighting between the rival air forces there, all adds up to just that—more jobs in defense plants, higher prices, less real happiness here and elsewhere in the world.

And when Congress gets back to work, there's a new universal military training plan supposed to prepare 800,000 young men a year for battle if need be.

President Warns Congress He Will Demand More Taxes

WASHINGTON (LPA)—President Truman, not satisfied with the new $5,500,000,000 tax bill, warned Congress he's going to demand a better one when it gets back here in January.

Truman signed the measure as the 82nd Congress rushed through final legislation and adjourned. But he made it clear he signed only because he knew there was no chance of getting a better one "at this late point."

He criticized three major "unfortunate features" of the act.

He said the measure "will not raise enough revenue to enable us to keep on paying as we go"; does little to close the loopholes in present tax laws, and in some respects "provides additional means by which wealthy individuals can escape paying their proper share of the national tax load through such devices as excessively liberal 'capital gains' provisions, family partnerships, and excessive depletion allowances on oil and gas and certain mineral properties.

"In addition, the act contains a rider—the so-called Jenner amendment—which is quite unrelated to the purpose of raising revenue, and which may well result in unwarranted publicity and personal indignity and unhappiness for aged people and others receiving public assistance.

"If we didn't need the revenue from this act so badly, I would not have approved provisions such as these."

Rent Controls Reimposed On Four Military Areas After Senate Exposure

WASHINGTON (LPA) — Federal rent controls were put into effect recently in three military areas following exposure of "shockingly bad housing and rent gouging."

Under the order issued by Rent Stabilizer Tighe E. Woods, rents in the area of Camp Lejeune, N. C., are rolled back to July 1, 1950, "just before the inflationary effects of the Korean War were first felt."

It was there that a Senate preparedness subcommittee found "one of the worst situations encountered" with an overcrowded trailer park having 26 toilets for 1500 occupants and a marine private, his wife and two children living in a 9-foot wide henhouse.

"Exorbitant rents" for servicemen and their families will be "knocked down," Woods promised, at Lejeune, major eastern Marine training base with 42,000 marines and 3600 civilians.

The certifications cover all residential housing units, including hotels, auto courts, motels and new construction.

At Camp Atterbury, Ind., the rollback date is set at August 1, 1950. Senator Lyndon B. Johnson's subcommittee reported "rents in the area have risen 60 to 150 per cent since June, 1950."

With 30,000 troops stationed at the camp, it was reported 100 families share 14 outside toilets and 10 water pumps.

In the Bremerton, Wash., area, including all of Kitsap County, rents were returned to those charged May, 1951. The housing shortage there was created by increased activity at the Puget Sound naval shipyard, naval ammunition depots in Bremerton and Bangor and the naval torpedo station at Key Point.

All rents are subject to review and appeal by either tenant or landlord to rent advisory boards with officials on hand to answer questions regarding registration and allowances for increased services and improvements, Woods said.

Auto Workers Convention To Hear President Green

MILWAUKEE, Wis. (LPA)—AFL President William Green will be the speaker at the opening of the AFL Auto Workers' 9th national convention in Cincinnati November 5.

In announcing Green's scheduled appearance, Auto Workers' president Lester Washburn said, "I know of no other single individual whom I would rather have with us than this great leader who has devoted his life to the American labor movement."

Senators Issue Report on Ethics In High Office

WASHINGTON (LPA).—A Senate Labor subcommittee looking into ethical standards in government reported that some Congressmen and federal officials have not followed "decent standards of conduct" in office, but concluded that in general "ethical standards of public officials probably are higher than those prevailing in business and other walks of life."

The subcommittee, headed by Senator Paul H. Douglas (D., Ill.), said the blame for "influence peddling" rests with the public as well as government officials.

HONEST FIRMS TINGED

"It is clear," the report declared, "that influence peddling is so widely believed to exist that even the most professional practice of bona fide law firms in Washington tends to be tinged with the influence idea. It (the influence) may be imaginary, but it helps to encourage clients."

On the other hand, "no group in society is in a position to point the finger of scorn at others," the report stated.

"Gifts, improper pressure and bribes come from outside the government, from individuals, from organizations and from groups which are part of what we call the 'public.'"

Congress was taken to task for being "unduly complacent" about moral matters. "Neither house," said the report, "has been particularly diligent in searching out and punishing questionable conduct on the part of its members."

CORRECTIVE MEASURES

Among other corrective measures, the committee recommended:

1. A law (already asked by President Truman) requiring all members of Congress and high-paid government officials to disclose publicly all their income.

2. Stiffer bribery and graft penalties, and tougher laws restricting personal business dealings of federal officiels with the government.

3. A law to permit firing of government employes who make personal profit from their jobs, accept valuable gifts from persons doing business with the government, divulge confidential economic information or become "unduly involved" in "extensive social engagements" with outsiders doing business with the government.

4. A 15-member commission to make a two-year study of conduct and standards in government.

Flanagan in Line For Chief Spot in Information Agency

WASHINGTON (LPA)—The Defense Production Administration soon will set up a new division to gather up-to-date information on strikes or threatened strikes that might interfere with defense production.

It is understood the chief operating officer of the division will be Daniel V. Flanagan, former West Coast director for the AFL.

The new division would coordinate all production information in individual disputes to determine just what effect a strike would have on the mobilization effort.

Officials said the new division would be a fact-finding agency only.

Indications were that the CIO Auto Workers' strike at 10 plants of the Borg-Warner Corporation speeded plans to set up the strike information division. President Truman referred that dispute to the Wage Stabilization Board for action but the board refused to intervene until the strikers went back to work.

Auto Workers' President Walter P. Reuther said the men wouldn't go back to work because only 15 per cent of the company's production was for defense. Reuther said he felt the government had been too hasty in entering the dispute.

The new agency will report directly to Mobilization Chief Charles E. Wilson.

ILGWU Film Wins World-Wide Praise

NEW YORK (LPA)—The worldwide success of the movie "With These Hands" was the outstanding feature of the 1950-51 year for the educational department of the AFL International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union.

The movie, which tells the story of ILGWU, was the first trade union film produced professionally and received with wide acclaim in Hollywood and on Broadway.

The ILGWU education department, in the report for its 34th year from June, 1950 to May, 1951, was unable to estimate how many thousands of people have seen the film.

Fifteen 35-mm prints have been made for use in commercial movie houses and on television programs and 125 16-mm prints are being used by ILGWU locals, other unions, schools, and many other groups.

The CIO United Auto Workers has three prints in regular use; the CIO United Rubber Workers, two; the AFL Workers Education Bureau, two.

URW-CIO and the AFL Chemical Workers united to present a copy of the film to the Columbus, Ohio, public library.

With the help of the U. S. State Department, versions of the film have been made in French, Swedish, Danish, Italian and Greek, and one is being prepared in Spanish. It has also been used in Japan and India.

Gas Price Boost Seen

NEWARK, N. J. (LPA)—The shortage of lead will soon result in less mileage per gallon of gas, slower acceleration, reduced efficiency of automobile performance and increased fuel costs, the Ethyl Corporation Research Leboratories warned.

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Federal Agency Hands Plum To Biggest Aluminum Producer

WASHINGTON (LPA)—Less than a week after the Justice Department's anti-trust division announced its firm opposition to further expansion of the aluminum "big three," another government agency handed a new plum to the giant Aluminum Company of America.

An agreement has been reached with Alcoa for construction of facilities at Rockdale, Tex., to produce 85,000 tons of primary aluminum annually, General Services Administrator Jess Larson announced recently.

Furthermore, Larson revealed, the firm will expand its Mobile, Ala., facilities to increase aluminum production by 170,000 tons.

The firm will finance the Texas plant with private capital, but "with assistance being given, if needed, under provision of the Defense Production Act," Larson said.

HUGE WRITEOFFS

Alcoa, Reynolds Metal Company and Kaiser Aluminum and Chemical Company have received permission for huge writeoffs from the Defense Production Administration while independent firms seeking to enter the aluminum production field have gotten nowhere.

The Justice Department was not consulted about the Rockdale project, a spokesman said, but he added any expansion of the big firms "is against our advice and counsel."

Under the Defense Production Act, procurement agencies are required to consult with the Justice Department, which is opposed to strengthening the present situation in primary aluminum production.

"Our stand is that new firms should be brought into the aluminum field, and now is the time to do it," the department said. "Even if there is a cost differential, the government should assume the burden of higher prices temporarily so the defense program is conducted, as Congress directed, within the framework of free enterprise."

INDEPENDENTS FROZEN OUT

Independents were frozen out of the drive to produce 500,000 additional tons of aluminum yearly, all government orders and aid going to the "big three." Now that the program is being expanded still further, with 17,000 fabricators hungering for the metal, anti-trust officials are reinforcing their insistence against the building up of monopoly.

The contract with Alcoa, which also is a fabricator, provides it must sell on the open market two-thirds of whatever metal it has left after filling government requirements.

This provision lasts for five years; after that and for the next five years it is obligated to sell 25 per cent to users who have no primary producing facilities.

Canada Irked by U. S. Senate Star Chamber Proceedings Against Official

Ottawa Morning Citizen

The Canadian Government has cleared Mr. E. H. Norman, acting chief of Canada's delegation to the United Nations, of the Communist taint smeared on him by the United States Senate's Internal Security Subcommittee.

Insofar as Canadians are concerned—and that is all that matters—the incident in which Mr. Norman has become involved may be considered closed.

Yet three points of principle arising from the insinuations made against Mr. Norman may properly be discussed. . . .

The attack on Mr. Norman is also an assault on certain principles for which the United States is supposed to stand, and for which the free world is being asked to fight.

First, it attacks the principle that there cannot be guilt by association.

A man should be able to attend whatever meetings he pleases, read whatever he wishes, listen to whatever discussions interest him, associate with whomever he desires, without necessarily being considered as subscribing to the views of the persons with whom he associates.

The second great principle under attack here is that of national sovereignty.

If a committee of the United States Congress feels that a member of the Canadian civil service endangers United States security, then that should be a problem for the Canadian authorities to handle. By trying to deal with it themselves, the United States Congressmen show as much contempt for Canada's sovereignty as the Soviet Union does for Bulgaria's.

Treating Canada as a satellite is not the kind of basis on which a coalition of free countries can be solidly built.

The attack on the third principle involved is the most contemptible of all. In Washington, apparently, denunciation, character assassination, and partisan politics replace the sober, detached methods generally associated with a search for truth.

United States Senators would do the cause of world freedom a great service if they confined their star-chamber procedures to their own citizens.

More Public Housing, Social Security Needed, Says Congressional Report

League Reporter (LLPE)

Reactionary Congressmen should read every word of a 143-page report just issued by a Congressional committee.

The report, "Making Ends Meet on Less Than $2000 a Year," was made public recently by the Joint Committee on the Economic Report. It consists of case studies of 100 families in 27 states whose earnings never average more than $40 a week. In 1949, 10,500,000 families earned less than $2000.

The report shows why social security must be expanded, minimum wages increased, national health insurance instituted, public housing built and Federal help for schools given.

These facts from the report show why Fair Deal proposals must become law (all names are fictitious).

Mr. Dimitri of Pittsburgh can tell Senator Edward Martin (R., Pa.) why the unemployment compensation system—part of the social security program—must be expanded.

For 20 weeks in 1949 Dimitri, his wife and three boys lived on $20 a week in jobless pay. Dimitri, a factory worker, was unable to get a job. He and his wife and kids know it is next to impossible to live on $20 a week. Yet reactionaries like Martin oppose a better social security system.

Joseph Edwards of Boston can tell House Republican Leader Joe Martin (Mass.) why the minimum wage must be increased. He makes $34.60 a week vacuuming hotel rugs.

Almost half, $14, of his weekly income goes for food. "The greatest desire of the family is to have a living room so they can have their friends in," comments the report.

Mr. Dobbs of Elmira, N. Y., can tell Rep. John Taber (R., N. Y.) why national health insurance is needed. Seriously injured at work as a sheet metal man in 1948, Dobbs' entire life savings of $1500 went to pay for medical bills.

Today he is broke and unable to work because of injuries. He has no money to get started in a new business. Under a national health insurance program, his medical expenses would have been taken care of and he still would have that $1500 in the bank.

Mr. and Mrs. Perry of Evansville, Ind., can tell Sen. William Jenner (R., Ind.) why public housing is needed.

The Perrys, with their five children, pay $32.75 a month for "three small rooms with scant privacy in an old structure. . . . The house had not been decorated for many years and the plaster still left on the walls was about ready to fall."

Almost every one of the 100 families mentioned in the report can tell any foe of Federal aid to education the importance of good schooling.

"Over one-half of the breadwinners in the families interviewed . . . had never completed the eighth grade," the report says. "Their determination . . . that their children should have more education than they, no matter what the difficulties, was outstanding and heartening."

Rent Control Restored In Norfolk, Va., Area

NORFOLK, Va. (LPA) — Primarily because of the "great number of military establishments," complete federal rent stabilization was reimposed on the Norfolk-Portsmouth area.

The move by Rent Stabilizer Tighe E. Woods was aimed to protect military personnel and defense workers from exhorbitant rentals, bringing to 20 the areas in which similar action was taken under the amended Housing and Rent Law, his office announced.

Rents on all types of housing accommodations are rolled back to July 1, but landlords and tenants may seek revision upward or downward, Woods explained. The order covers Norfolk, Portsmouth and South Norfolk and the counties of Norfolk and Princess Anne. Included in the area are the Naval Operating Base here, the Navy yard in Portsmouth and Fort Story.

This city decontrolled March 23, 1950, and the rest of the area was decontrolled by state action the following June 25.

NLRB Orders Chicago Firm To Rehire 14 Pressmen

CHICAGO (LPA)—The National Labor Relations Board found the Jackson Press, Inc., guilty of discriminating against members of the AFL Printing Pressmen and ordered the company to reinstate, with back pay, 14 employes who went on strike in October, 1949.

The board ruled the company illegally questioned its employes about union activities, refused to deal with union officials, openly discouraged union membership and refused to reemploy workers who went on strike to enforce contract demands.

The board refused to order the reinstatement of one striker who "poured sugar into the gasoline tank of a truck at the company's loading dock."

A board majority said this was "disorderly conduct" and not entitled to protection under federal law.

When you finish reading this East Bay Labor Journal, pass it on for a friend or neighbor. Let them know, too, what the unions are doing

Attempted 21-Cent Cut Turns Into 4-Cent Raise

DES MOINES (LPA)—A strike lasting nearly 23 weeks brought a pay increase of 4 cents an hour for members of Warehouse Local 394 of the AFL Teamsters. That actually is 25 more than the Gamble Robinson wholesale grocery wanted to pay.

It had attempted to institute a 21-cent slash, drop overtime pay and eliminate the union.

The union, however, emerged stronger than ever, with the agreement hailed as "one of the best ever signed by this company." Unions throughout Iowa gave active support to the strikers.



No Price Change in Next Few Months: Johnston

WASHINGTON (LPA) — Economic Stabilizer Eric Johnston has predicted the cost of living will stay about the same the next three or four months, but that inflation is bound to increase next year.

Johnston told the Washington Board of Trade stronger economic controls would be needed to combat inflation in 1952. He said the wage-price spiral would get worse next year as the mobilization program cuts deeper into the civilian economy.

He said the military would spend $100,000,000,000 in 1952 and predicted personal income would rise $20,000,000,000.

Shop Steward Is Heroine

CINCINNATI (LPA) — Lucille Thomas, a shop steward of the CIO Communications Workers, was working early one morning at the switchboard of a telephone exchange here when, upon answering a signal, she heard a barely audible voice ask for help and tell of escaping gas.

She instructed the subscriber to open all windows at once, then tracing the address, she quickly relayed information to the fire department. Firemen found three children and their parents overcome in the house, but succeeded in reviving all of them.

Miss Thomas received the Theodore N. Vail medal for resourcefulness.

Taft Walks Through AFL Picket Line

DES MOINES (LPA) — Senator Robert A. Taft (R., Ohio), walked through an AFL picket line October 22 to check into the Hotel Fort Des Moines. He posed for news pictures before going into the lobby. The picket line had been set up by striking AFL Food and Service Workers. Taft was in town to address the Iowa Bankers Association.

Taft told a news conference later that "Senator McCarthy in some cases has overstated his charges concerning Communists in government. There are some cases where I do not agree with him."

Languages in Action

CHICAGO (LPA) — Pickets carried signs in French, Spanish, German, Russian and Italian as well as English and offered free language lessons. They were teachers at the Berlitz School of Languages here and their instruction offer was to students canceling classes.

The walkout followed the school's refusal to recognize an AFL United Service Employes local as the instructors' bargaining agent and firing of Miss Andress Ridoux and Hernando Santana-Marre for organizing them.

The local filed charges with the National Labor Relations Board and an official of the school chain said "whatever the law requires we will do."

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—TO OUR READERS-OWNERS

New S. F. Labor Paper

San Francisco Labor, the new fortnightly paper established by the San Francisco Labor Council, has had two issues at this writing, the first one on October 5, and the second on October 19. The third issue is dated November 2, the same day as this present issue of East Bay Labor Journal.

We predict that San Francisco Labor is destined to become a paper known all over the country and highly respected.

George W. Johns, secretary of the S. F. Labor Council, has put a lot of his very good brains into the planning of the establishment of the paper. The Newspaper Committee of San Francisco labor people worked hard on it, and other officers of the council also.

The whole project was carefully planned, with no loose ends left hanging.

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Editor Very Able

David F. Selvin, editor of San Francisco Labor, is a very able man. When the national convention of AFL editors was held in San Francisco recently, just before the main AFL convention, Selvin's statement of his ideas on makeup, news handling, editorial policy, and other points, attracted immediate and respectful attention.

The editor of East Bay Labor Journal has long been in the habit of turning to Selvin for information, ideas, and suggestions. A considerable number of what we believe to be improvements in East Bay Labor Journal have been directly due to suggestions of Selvin—suggestions by no means forced on us, but asked for.

Dave doesn't butt in with suggestions, but once you ask him for an opinion on how to run a paper, he comes right out with his ideas.

Now that Dave is running a paper for a big labor council in this area, we shall, of course, watch his paper closely, and try to steal good ideas from it.

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The two papers are very different in appearance and in many points of policy. East Bay Labor Journal is modeled on a daily newspaper in appearance and in the policy of running rather large new headlines, as well as in having a clearly marked off editorial column.

San Francisco Labor is modeled more on the news-magazine type of publication—tabloid size, with, in general, more of a magazine style of treatment than a daily newspaper style. Also, it has no editorial column regularly run in a certain spot.

Which is the better approach? We don't know. There are good arguments on both sides.

As time goes on, and the two labor papers run along together in such close geographical proximity, and in friendly competition, maybe some sort of answer to the question may be found.

Or maybe not. Maybe, in our different ways, we'll just both be good!

Delegates Return From Great Convention of Laborers Union

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wiches, potato salads, coffee and desserts.

UNION'S HIGH STANDING

Delegates were impressed by the fact that the international union stands high in Chicago and Illonois estimation as well as in national.

The Mayor of Chicago sent no substitute to greet the convention, but was there in person. The Governor of Illinois was absent in Washington, but he didn't just send a formal telegram of regrets, but a long one explaining just why he couldn't be there. Mr. Marshall, head of Associated General Contractors, was present.

The delegates attributed much of the esteem in which the union is held in Chicago to the respect and affection that are felt there for International Secretary Pete Fosco and Tony D'Andrea, head of the Illinois District Council of Laborers, who have played a prominent part in Chicago civic life.

SALARIES RAISED

"Time was," said one of the delegates, "when laborers didn't have the standing they have now. But now, with a union of 386,000 members, one of the biggest in the world, things are different. It was noticeable that Secretary of Labor Laurice J. Tobin didn't just drop in for an hour or so the day he was there, but stayed all day with us."

The international convention, which is held every five years, re-elected Joseph V. Moreschi as general president for the next five years, and raised his salary from a former $12,000 to $30,000. The salary of Pete Fosco, general secretary-treasurer, was raised from the former $10,000 to $28,000.

THE MORESCHI BUILDING

The convention authorized the general executive board to put up a building for international headquarters in Washington, to be called the Moreschi Building, and to contain a bust of the venerable labor leader, who recently completed his 25th year in office.

Moreschi told the convention there was very little indication that it would be necessary to raise the per-capita during the next five years. The per capita now stands at 35 cents. This includes coverage of death benefits of from $100 to $500.

A rule was adopted that no Communist can be admitted to membership of the union.

It was decided that there would be some tightening up on the issuance of travel cards. A member can henceforth take out a travel card no more often than once in 90 days.

Vince Morreale, chief counsel for the international union, who has often been in this area on business, was called upon frequently by the convention for advice on various points.

JURISDICTION GIVEN

O. K. Mitchell of Shipyard Laborers 886 told East Bay Labor Journal that while he was in Chicago as a delegate, the general executive board gave his local the jurisdiction over the Kaiser Airplane Parts factory at Yard 2 in Richmond. The union is starting active organizing work there.

Mitchell said that approval was given to the long-range shipbuilding program advocated by Local 886, to replace ships of the depleted Merchant marine.

Joe Souza of Clerks and Lumber Handlers 939 said that the bands and various colorful ceremonies at the convention were the most impressive he had ever witnessed.

Delegates to the convention included:

Laborers 304 — Thad Stevens, Harry W. Lago, Howard (Whitey) Bostwick, George W. Gibbs, Lee Lalor, and Paul Jones.

Clerks and Lumber Handlers 939—Joe Souza, W. W. Paterson, Frank Hulbert, A. R. Estes.

Shipyard Laborers 886—O. K. Mitchell, L. B. Blackwell.

Hod Carriers 166—Ralph Knight and Frank Hurt.

Worker Who Went Across Train, Got Hurt, Wins Award

The October bulletin prepared by Attorneys Joseph E. Smith and William Shannon Parrish for members of the Workmen's Compensation Insurance Plan contained the following information:

An extension of the "course of employment" was advanced in the recent case of Pitman vs. Moore Shipyard. Those familiar with the physical layout of Moore's Yard know that after leaving the exit you walk about a block and then cross some railroad tracks.

Brother P., a member of No. 681, had his car parked away from the yard, across the railroad tracks in a parking area provided by the employer. Pitman left his work at the end of the shift and as he approached the railroad tracks, his movement was barred by a freight train. Instead of using a stairway overpass, he attempted to climb over the freight cars. The train started up and he was thrown to the ground, injuring his hip and leg.

The insurance company refused to honor his claim. It was our contention that as the workman was going to get his car which was parked on the employer's premises, he was still in the course of his employment. While he did not use the overpass, which was provided for crossing the tracks, the employer was aware of employes climbing over the freight cars, yet issued no instructions forbidding it.

Teh Industrial Accident Commission went along with our theory of the case and issued an award in favor of Mr. Pitman which provided for a year's back compensation and payment of about $1000 in medical bills. We feel certain the insurance company will appeal this case.

STEAMFITTERS' CASE

Brother R. of Steamfitters' Local No. 342 had a slight heart attack at work and was disabled for approximately six weeks. We claimed his heart attack was caused by his work and were able to effect a settlement with the insurance company in the amount of $4500.

DEATH BENEFIT

Brother J. of Laborers' Local No. 304 died as the result of a heart attack which we contended was caused by his employment. In addition to temporary disability of $1800, we were able to obtain a death benefit for the widow of $4500.

WAREHOUSE CASE

Brother Barnett, a warehouseman, received a permanent disability rating of 81¾ per cent for a back disability. In view of his age and life expectancy, this will amount to an award of approximately $15,000.

RED FEATHER CAB ROLLS



RED FEATHER DRIVERS—Yellow Cab Company drivers, members of Chauffeurs Union 923, are sporting Red Feathers in their caps. The cab drivers are donating their days off to man a special, and brand new, Red Feather cab each day, strictly for the Community Chests.

All receipts from both the day and night shifts will go toward the $2,038,048 campaign of the East Bay Federation of Community Chests. Red Feather cabs will be in operation throughout the campaign period.

Pictured above are (left to right) Roy Day and William C. Gooch, drivers and Frank G. O'Ferral, general manager of the Yellow Cab Company. Day and Gooch were the first to volunteer to man the cab. (Courtesy of Oakland Tribune.)

Key System Employes' Building Gutted By Spectacular Fire; $100,000 Damage

A spectacular three-alarm fire early Monday morning partially gutted the interior of the four-story Key System Employes' Building at 11th and Franklin Streets.

Fire Chief James Burke estimated the damage in excess of $100,000. There were no injuries.

The Key System Employes Union, Division 192, bought the structure in September 1950. It was originally called the Odd Fellows Building.

Firemen arrived at the scene of the blaze shortly after Louis Prischman, a cab driver, turned in an alarm at 3:32 a. m.

Two more alarms were sent out for more men and equipment before the stubborn blaze was finally extinguished at 6:15 a. m.

Investigators said the fire apparently broke out in a basement electrical store where it smouldered for hours before it ate its way to the roof and burst into flame.

Major damage was done to the roof, part of which collapsed the fourth floor. The electrical store was demolished.

Floors which escaped the blaze were extensively damaged by the tons of water poured into the flaming building.

Exact cause of the blaze has not been determined.

Machinists, UC Industrial Relations Institute to Hold Labor Temple Classes

Locals of the International Association of Machinists are putting on a series of six educational meetings in the Labor Temple beginning November 12.

The educational meetings will be conducted in cooperation with the University of California Institute of Industrial Relations.

Each meeting will begin at 8 p. m. and will last for two hours. November 12 and November 19 Professor Robert A. Gordon, economist, will discuss "Wages and Inflation."

On November 26 and December 3 the subject will be "Workmen's Compensation," with Stanley Neyhart of the law office of M. O. Tobriner leading one meeting, and W. Lee DeMara, Jr., leading the other.

The meetings of December 10 and December 17 will be led by Dr. Mason Haire, psychoilogist, and will take up "Human Relations in Industry."

Walter S. Banks, Lodge 284, said the room in which the educational meetings will be held will be determined later.

Rose Bowl for Bakers

PASADENA, Calif. (LPA)—A float will be entered in the New Year's Day Tournament of Roses here by the Southern California Joint Executive Board of the AFL Bakery and Confectionary Workers' Union.

Skip This Story If You Wish; It Just Praises Editor of This Labor Paper!

Since the editor of East Bay Labor Journal always publishes the brickbats hurled in his direction, he has no hesitation in reprinting, with some appropriate blushes, the bouquets.

An especially handsome bouquet has just been wafted at him by Jim Russell, editor of the Paper Maker, official organ of the AFL Paper Makers. Russell's story, headed "Editor Disturbed More by McCarthy Than Tass," leads off as follows:

As is usual in most conventions, the sessions of the International Labor Press of America, held just before the AFL convention were punctuated regularly by applause, most of it of an automatic and courtesy nature. To this observer, though, the most spontaneous and most sincere outburst went to Louis Burgess, able editor of Oakland's East Bay Labor Journal.

Here's what brought it about:

Before the delegates was a resolution calling for the expulsion from Congressional press galleries of representatives of Tass, the Soviet news agency. There was a small amount of bickering over the wording of the resolution, but it was finally voted in. At this point Burgess took the floor.

"I don't think it's necessary to use police state measures against these guys," Louis said. "As far as I'm concerned, let them sit in the galleries. I don't see why we should be so fussy about who sits in the galleries when we let people like Joe McCarthy get right out there on the floor of the Senate."

Edna Lallement Doubly 'Madam Chairman' Now

Edna Lallement, Building Service Employes 18, has heard herself called Madam Chairman quite frequently of late.

Monday, with President A. G. Alameida of the Central Labor Council absent because of a cold, Mrs. Lallement as first vice-president took the chair, and was addressed as "Madam Chairman," or occasionally as "Sister Chairman."

And a little before that CLC meeting, she had been elected president of her own local, so there too she is now "Madam Chairman."

Labor Editor Accused of Selling Out

Editor, Labor Journal:

History has produced many men who capitulated to hold a job or prestige. The old line being, "Well, if I don't, someone else will do it anyway." So says the "humane" cop, racketeer, or politician. All of which helps to establish an easy road to Fascism.

What you have learned in your school of economics must make you blush inside you.

People who get out papers endorsing Wall Street wars and policies are not editors, but pen prostitutes.

Your old friends here thought so too, but didn't subscribe.

Please discontinue sending East Bay Labor Journal as of now to 1615 Eldorado, Santa Cruz, as the smell of the chicken batteries next door is becoming mild, by contrast.

Print this?

H. C. BOLLMAN.

Union Shipbuilders Hit Foreign Construction, Cutbacks in U. S. Yards

BALTIMORE (LPA) — Congressional action to halt American firms from building merchant vessels in foreign shipyards was demanded by representatives of 75 locals of the CIO Industrial Union of Marine and Shipbuilding Workers meeting here.

Cutbacks in steel for ship construction and repair in this country, while the metal is being allocated abroad, were protested in a telegram to President Truman which cited "the allocation of six times as much steel for public roads as for shipbuilding."

The steel cutback, the union charged, has halted or delayed work on 14 of 35 Mariner vessels under construction on the East and West coasts.

Delay in building the ships will add to their costs "astronomically," it warned.

Under 1952 first quarter allocations announced by the Defense Production Administration only 102,000 tons is allowed, 35,000 tons under the minimum needed for the full program of 35 ships.

Foreign shipyards are constructing 248 ships for American account "while our shipyards are lying idle and rotting," said union president John J. Grogan.

Congress, he told the policy conference, "cheerfully voted $25,000,000 to aid Japan's shipbuilding industry" at the same time the union was attempting to obtain an appropriation for the same amount to rehabilitate American ships in reserve fleets.

AFL Economist Wants Enforced Saving for Low-Income Groups

MADISON, Wis. (LPA)—Joseph Mire, economist for the AFL State, County and Municipal Employes, suggested Congress adopt a program of enforced savings for those earning less than $5000 rather than hike taxes still further for that income group.

Mire said current tax laws violate "the principle of taxation based on ability to pay."

He said that Congressmen who "insist on increased taxes for the lower income groups with the excuse of preventing inflation by draining off purchasing power" should consider "the more equitable program" of compulsory savings.

He said that, under a savings program, the government could withhold "a proportional percentage of all incomes to be repaid . . . after the inflationary danger has passed."

He said such a savings plan would be "more readily accepted" than higher taxes, would not impair incentive and would give the people "a cushion to fall back on in the post-emergency period when we shall again face the problem of creating more purchasing power."

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Picket Line Set Up at Peter Paul Candy Works

Everett Beasly, Bakery & Confectionery Workers 119, reported to the Central Labor Council this week on the picket line established at the Peter Paul candy works in East Oakland.

The candy workers of the Bakery Union, Warehousemen 853, and Office Employes 29, cooperated in setting up the organizational picket line.

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Reading This Account of a Fishing Trip Makes You Wish You Were There

By HUGHIE RUTLEDGE

Teh following brothers drawing unemployment disability checks this week: Emil DeMacsek, Wilford Peak, Harold Duncan, Walter Jackson, John Massie, John Malmgren, Christian Hofve, Horace Haley, Max Gelobter, and Eugene Byrd.

Work conditions remain the same with all the brothers working with the exception of a few who are unable to work outside. Most all the contractors are trying to get their outside work caught up before the rains start.

Next meeting of the local will be November 8, 1951, and we still have a few members who do not have their fourth quarters working card in their pocket. Better catch up on this right away, as we are not permitted to issue job referrals unless you have your paid up card.

FISHING FIELDS FOR FUN

There is an old saying as follows: (ALLAH DOES NOT CHARGE AGAINST MAN'S SPAN OF LIFE THOSE DAYS SPENT IN FISHING) and nowhere do the folks enjoy their fishing any more than down on the silvery Colorado.

Your scribe has fished from one end of the country to the other and in foreign waters, but for real all around sport let's take a journey this winter down to where the Colorado flows. From Boulder or (Hoover) Dam down to the Gulf of California we shall find one of the nicest spots anywhere in California for most any kind of fishing that you could want.

Leaving Oakland in the morning we drop down through the San Joaquin to Bakersfield about 286 miles. Too early to stop in Bakersfield we take route 466 over through Tehachapi, a beautiful evening drive to Mojava another 61 miles.

We are now out in the desert country where we can enjoy a nice dinner in any one of a half dozen grills and a swell motel for the night. Or if we have barreled along and would like to see the desert in the after sunset hours we can continue another 59 miles into Barstow.

MODERN CONVENIENCES

Here we are right in the real desert country, with all modern conveniences like motels, restaurants and theaters for an after dinner show. Leaving Barstow in the morning we take Highway 66 for a 153 mile drive to Needles.

This is the section where we can unlimber the old bus and then tell our friends afterward how we made this jump in two hours. With the exception of Ludlow we pass only a few small desert towns where slow downs are few and traffic less.

From Needles we drop down on Highway 95 for a short hop until we come to Highway 146. Here a large sign directs us to Parker, Arizona. We are now getting near the Colorado but we do not cross into Arizona.

One mile this side of the river which, incidentally, is the dividing line between California and Arizona where we find the little town of Earp. Leaving the highway here we go up the river 15 miles to a lodge which is the last word in fish-resorts.

Here we have facilities to suit anyone's desires. A room with fine beds, camping space for the more rugged or trailer facilities for those hauling hotels on wheels. A fine dining room with good meals, a bar for a drink where the boys and gals gather to swap yarns or just a good place to loaf.

This place, called the River Lodge, is run by the Jones family with the aid of Mike the congenial cook and bartender and the little girl named Margerite to serve the meals. Here we can rent a dandy boat with or without motor, tackle, bait, etc., available.

Take your regular light tackle with you as the fishing here conforms a good deal with that on the Sacramento.

GAME FISH ABOUND

You should be in the lodge by 4 p. m. if you started early enough. This is a fine time to take a run on the river to get acquainted with the riffles and get rigged up for the night forked-tail cat-fishing which is tops. These beauties run from 4 to 10 pounds but don't get them mixed up with our mudcats, etc., around here.

These are game fish and I don't mean maybe.

Be sure to take a lantern or good flashlight along to see how to bait up.

Next morning take your black bass plugging outfit or get live bait and go up about four miles to the dam. Take the old road and get on Lake Havasu where 10-pound black bass are common and you throw away any three-pounders as too small.

A FINE HOST

Don't tell old man Jones you are going unless you want company as this is one host who likes to fish and is ready to go along at the drop of the hat.

In the evening take your fly rod, get a box of cut bait and try and beat the record for Blue Gilis the size of your hand. These are just below the dam and if you don't get 50 within the hour you better give up.

This then is where fishing is fishing on the silvery Colorado.

You will find the Jones family and their staff a wonderful group of real sports. You will get all the fishing you want, a fine rest and will be out of the bad weather for at least a week.

Comes the rains and winds we always say LET'S GO FISHING.

Carpenters Auxiliary to Vote on New Amendments At Nov. 16 Meeting

By BEA CAMERON
Press Correspondent
Carpenters Auxiliary 160

The ladies auxiliary 160 held their regular business meeting last Friday, October 26, with a nice attendance.

Due to Thanksgiving holidays we're moving our next meeting up to November 16, 1951. We hope this won't inconvenience any one. This is an important meeting as we are voting on our new amendments to our constitution.

Our night sewing club meets at Bea Camerons, 1723 41st Avenue, on the 4th Tuesday of November. Day sewing meets at Diana Holder's an November 7, at 12 noon. Don't bring your sandwich.

Executive Board meets at Joe Wheeler's November 14, 1951, at 7:30 p. m. This is our first night meeting. Joe is a delightful hostess so let's make it one hundred per cent.

Speedy recovery is our prayers for Esther Dedman, who is still convalescing after her operation.

Jean Kinney and Mary Nall reported a nice crowd at their bingo. A good time was had by all attending.

Let's always buy the union way and be sure of fair trade.

Philly Paper Sets Precedent; Supports Democrat for Mayor

PHILADELPHIA (LPA) — For the first time in its 123-year history, the Philadelphia Inquirer is supporting a Democrat for city mayor.

In a front-page editorial, the newspaper called for election of Joseph S. Clark over Republican nominee the Rev. Daniel A. Poling. The newspaper also is supporting Richardson Dilworth, Democratic nominee for district attorney. Dilworth is opposed by Michael A. Foley, Republican.

"Scandalous conditions of thievery, waste and corruption under Republican rule at City Hall have reached the point where the city's sole salvation lies in a complete house-cleaning," the Inquirer said, charging Dr. Poling with a "respectable front behind which the same old organization gang still is pulling the strings."

The Inquirer said the Democratic nominees "deserve the support of the large number of independent-minded men and women of this city who are registered Republicans, who usually vote the Republican ticket but who place the welfare of their community above mere politics."

Histadrut Humanitarian Award Goes to Truman

WASHINGTON (LPA) — President Truman has received the 1951 Histadrut Humanitarian Award for "outstanding efforts" to bring about "maximum understanding" between this country and Israel.

The award was presented at White House ceremonies by Joseph Schlossberg, general chairman of the National Committee For Labor Israel. Schlossberg is secretary-treasurer emeritus of the CIO Amalgamated Clothing Workers.

A citation accompanying the plaque praised Truman for "his wholehearted endeavors on behalf of the state of Israel and his sincere and abiding interest in the vital functions of Histadrut, the general federation of Jewish workers in Israel."

CLEARING THE DECKS WITH 886

Bartholomew, Brennan Protest Steel Delays For Coast Shipyard

The last regular meeting of Friday, October 26, was adjourned for lack of a quorum. It seems to us that the members of the union are not very much interested in the welfare of the union or even their own welfare when they allow a thing like this to occur.

We urgently request ALL members to attend the next regular meeting at our Oakland headquarters, 601 Jackson Street, Friday, November 30, at 8 p. m.

The two delegates to the International convention Secretary-Treasurer O. K. Mitchell and Executive Board Member L. B. Blackwell are both back from Chicago and have returned to work. They report a very successful convention which was very well attended.

Brother Tom George, our corresponding and recording secretary, is spending this week as part of his vacation duck hunting. We wish him luck.

Brother Lee E. Williams of 724 Linden Street, Oakland, was a passenger on the Greyhound bus which went off the overpass on the East Shore Highway. Brother Williams was severely if not critically injured and is in the Permanente Hospital at Broadway and MacArthur Street in Oakland.

We hope and pray that Brother Williams will have a speedy and complete recovery.

Brother Ray Brennan and Business Representative Bart Bartholomew were among the representatives of labor that appeared before Admiral Cochrane and the other two members of the Maritime Board to protest the delay in the allocation of steel to the Bethlehem San Francisco Shipyard for the construction of five mariner type vessels.

Management, labor, the various civic bodies, and legislators comprised this group. The group was well received but nothing definite was accomplished.

This is just the first move and labor must continue the fight to remedy this great injustice.

McCarthy in Tizzy At Taft's Charge

WEYAUWEGA, Wis. (LPA) — Senator Joseph McCarthy (R., Wis.), just couldn't believe it. Senator Robert A. Taft had said in Des Moines recently that he thought McCarthy had "overstated" charges of Communists in government. Commented Joe: "I just don't think Bob Taft will join the camp-following elements in campaigning against me. I will not believe it until I get his word that he said it."

If Taft tells him the quote was correct, McCarthy said, "I will have a definite comment."

Meanwhile, at Milwaukee the Wisconsin CIO News announced it had a "best seller" in its 16-page magazine supplement, "Smear Inc.," exposing the McCarthy background and record. Within a short time after publication and an announcement that extra copies were available, 23,000 had been mailed out.

Praise came from both CIO and AFL international unions and orders were received from colleges, libraries and civic organizations as well as some prominent Washington personages.

Another printing has come off the press and orders up to any number, at 3 cents each to cover minimum costs, either singly or in bundles, may be sent to the paper's office at 952 North 12th Street, Milwaukee 3, Wis.

House Group Holds Taxes Are Not Living Costs

WASHINGTON (LPA) — Income taxes are not part of the cost of living, and should not be included in the government's consumer price index, a House Labor subcommittee has reported.

To include income taxes, the report said, would give labor "an unfair advantage" and add to inflation.

Escalator clauses in union contracts are geared to the index.

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"WATCH IT" with Watchmakers
By George F. Allen

Watchmakers Cancel Meetings For Nov.-Dec.

It looks as though we will be unable to reach a satisfactory solution whereby the firm of Hughes & Byrd, located at 11 Battery Street, will be considered a union retail jeweler.

This case has been held in committee by the San Francisco Labor Council's Executive Board and I am going to make one more effort before we finally request the San Francisco Labor Council to put this firm on the Unfair List.

The meeting last week was so taken up with the discussion of changing our group insurance program that we forgot to mention the fact that there will be no regular meetings during the monthes of November and December.

The Executive Board will carry on the business of the local, except in case we run into any unforseen difficulties regarding the optional Permanente and Group Insurance plan now being worked out, as approved by the membership at the last meeting.

Needless to say you can understand that we are still working on the change of plans.

Union Group Orders 1900 Copies of ADA Book for Its Convention Nov. 5

WASHINGTON (LPA)—The national CIO has bought 1900 copies of the newly-published book "The Only War We Seek" for distribution to delegates and guests at the organization's annual convention opening in New York November 5.

The book, published by Americans for Democratic Action, combines a realistic analysis of America's failures in the battle against Communism in the Far East with a positive program for a continuing fight against "poverty, disease, hunger and illiteracy."

ADA reported the CIO Textile Workers have ordered 500 copies and that several other unions have asked about quantity rates.

The book was written by Arthur Goodfriend, free-lance writer and special State Department representative in the Far East. Goodfriend argues the fight against world-wide Communism can be won only by a more realistic approach by the U.S. to the problems of other peoples.

He says the "tea cup, tophat, talk-talk level" of American diplomatic relations should be replaced by "a foreign service infantry, trained to teach and practice the true meaning of democracy, willing and able to soil their hands in helping others to help themselves."

35,000 at Douglas Get 9-cent Average Raise

SANTA MONICA, Calif. (LPA)—Average wage increases of 9 cents an hour for 35,000 workers at Douglas Aircraft Company plants here and in Segundo were negotiated by the International Association of Machinists, bringing gains over a year's time to 25 cents.

Rates range from a minimum of $1.30 for new hires to $2.26 for top skilled craftsmen. Office and technical employes get from 20 cents to $2.54. Increases range to 19 cents an hour, with a 5 per cent boost on the maximums and 5 to 9 on the minimums.

An escalator clause raises the wage rate 1 cent an hour for each 1.14 points increase in the consumer price index and an automatic progression of 5 cents at 16-week intervals is provided for the four lowest paid labor grades.

Flight pay bonuses for men flying in the course of their work are doubled.

The union negotiated a 10-cent average raise in October, 1950, and another 6 cents to cover higher living costs last June.

The new agreement runs to next August 22 and is retroactive to October 16, subject to Wage Stabilization Board approval.

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Steel Ban Puts Shipyard Workers in Squeeze as Prices Soar, Says Brennan

By RAY BRENNAN
Shipyard Laborers 886

Left unsaid at the hearing by Admiral Cochrane last Wednesday on the allocation of steel for the Bethlehem contract were a number of things which were subsequently compiled and will be included in a supplementary statement.

First—Allocated for export during the first quarter of 1952 is 1,067,000 tons of steel. This being the same quarter that the between 31,000 and 33,000 tons were denied Bethlehem for its San Francisco contract. If any of this exported steel is for non-defense purposes it should not have priority over a "project of this type."

Second—The awful squeeze on our local shipyard worker who by unsteady employment is often compelled to live on unemployment insurance when outside the yards the nation's economy is operating at an unheard of rate. Already the gross natural product has climbed to a $326,000,000,000 annual rate and will climb further during 1952, according to Charles E. Wilson, to a new high of $350,000,000,000. This from a figure of $275,000,000,000 at the time of the Korean outbreak, when employment of approximately 60,000,000 has grown to a figure in excess of 63,000,000 and will reach a record high of 68,000,000 in 1952, according to Secretary of Labor Tobin. This at a time of a higher cost of living, higher taxes at all levels, higher rents, and a good income is necessary for existence.

This at a time when defense expenditures are to approach a figure of between $40,000,000,000 and $50,000,000,000 during the current fiscal year from a low of $20,000,000,000, during the last fiscal year.

Without some steady employment as was promised by the Bethlehem contract, how will it be possible to hold our essential shipyard workers in the face of such circumstances?

Experts Predict 8 Percent Drop In Real Wages

NEW YORK (LPA)—Real wages will drop at least 8 per cent by next July, according to United Nations economists. That is, your dollar will buy 8 cents' worth less than a year ago, due chiefly to increased taxes and the resulting increased prices.

The picture may be even worse, they declared, depending on how much the federal deficit will come to; how much speculative hoarding of commodities there will be; how much scare buying there will be.

The forecast was made by the UN Department of Economic Affairs in a 173-page report, "Problems of Unemployment and Inflation, 1950 and 1951," covering data from 21 nations, including the U. S.

Meanwhile the Federal Reserve Board reported that lack of customers, not lack of materials, is holding down consumer goods production. And the Securities and Exchange Commission reported that "liquid savings" increased by $3,200,000,000 in the second quarter of 1951.

Americans, reported the SEC, put more of their savings into bonds, insurance and thrift accounts in April-May-June than in any other three months in the last five years.

Of the $3,200,000,000, $2,000,000,000 went into private and government insurance and $1,500,000,000 in stocks and bonds. U. S. savings bonds showed a decrease, E bonds showed no change.

Bank accounts and cash holding were up $600,000,000, against a drop of $2,300,000,000 in the first quarter.

Green Visits, Praises City of Hope Hospital

City of Hope Release

AFL President William Green visited the City of Hope National Medical Center recently and expressed his deep gratification for "its outstanding service to humanity in raising the nation's health standards."

The City of Hope, where thousands of trade unionists have overcome the scourges of tuberculosis and cancer, is one of the nation's foremost long-term illness hospitals. It is supported entirely by voluntary contributions including major trade union support.

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Reds Try to Weed Ranks of Mentally Unfit

NEW YORK (LPA) — The Communist Party recently sent a questionnaire to its members asking whether they or any members of their family had ever been mentally ill.

The move obviously was aimed at weeding out those emotionally unstable comrades who might break down in the hard times ahead.

Commented the Jewish Daily Forward: "If the party expels all those members from its ranks who are mentally unbalanced, the only ones left will be the FBI agents."

Strike Kills Incentive Pay Plan, Wins Pay Hike

LANSING, Mich. (LPA)—A two-month strike by CIO United Auto Workers to eliminate an incentive pay plan at the Kold-Hold Manufacturing Company ended in victory, with the company agreeing to abolish the system.

The workers also won a package raise of 13 cents an hour, of which 7 is an across-the-board 3 for cost of living and 3 to correct inequities.

The agreement includes an escalator clause and a 4-cent annual improvement factor, effective next July 1, following provisions in the General Motors contract. Ten cents of the raise is retroactive to July 1.

Cost of the employe insurance plan during the strike will be paid for by the firm. Procedure for determining fair and equitable production standards, with a bar against speedups, is included in the pact.



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United Employers Make Correction in Journal Story About Culinary Issue

United Employers call East Bay Labor Journal's attention to the exact wording of the issue which was recently arbitrated by Sam Kagel between employers and the culinary unions. United Employers state that while East Bay Labor Journal reported that more than one issue was involved, actually only one issue was. Kagel ruled for the unions.

The following quotation from Kagel's decision is cited by United Employers as showing conclusively the correctness of their statement that only one issue was involved:

"The Unions and Employers agree to set up a health and welfare plan supported by a contribution from the Employers of $5.25 per eligible employe per month, for the period from October 1, 1951, to July 6, 1956.

"The parties were unable to agree on which of the plans submitted by Permanente Health Plan, the Occidental Life Insurance Company and Connecticut General Life Insurance Company should be adopted.

"Therefore the parties agreed to submit to arbitration the following specific issue:

"'. . . which of the following companies submitted the best plan in all respects: The Permanente Health Plan, Occidental Life Insurance Company, or Connecticut General Life Insurance Company'."

Machinists' Journal Scores First in Use Of Four-Color Pictures

WASHINGTON (ILPA)—The October issue of the Machinists' Monthly Journal, for the first time in the history of the labor press, carries four-color illustrations on its inside pages.

The illustrations are in the form of a four-page comic strip, which will trace in the October to January issues the growth of union organization in US machine shops. The strip runs 16 pages in all and Journal Editor L. O. Thomas said it may be printed in booklet form and used in Machinists' organizing campaigns.

Thomas said the use of four-color illustrations was "merely one more step forward" in the labor press usage of improved printing techniques.

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EDITORIAL AND FEATURE PAGE OF THE EAST BAY LABOR JOURNAL

LABOR GOT MOST VOTES, RAN ON A GOOD RECORD, IN BRITISH ELECTION

More people in Great Britain voted for the Labor Party last week than for the Conservative Party. In fact, labor polled the biggest majority it ever got.

But Churchill's group won more seats in Parliament, so he becomes premier, just as in this country it is not the popular vote which counts but the total number of electoral votes won State by State, in electing a President.

Nevertheless, when you hear reactionary Republicans and Dixiecrats boasting about the results of the British election, just remember that more people voted for Attlee than for Churchill.

The reactionaries in this country are trying to twist the results of the British election into proof that the whole idea of a decent regard for the rights of the plain people has suffered a big setback in the world.

Reactionaries are doubly wrong in so contending. In the first place, as just pointed out, the popular vote was for the Labor Party. And in the second place, the platform of the winning Conservatives was so strong for the "welfare state" that Congressman Joe Martin and some of the other reactionaries who are crowing over Churchill's victory, would denounce it as Communistic if proposed in this country.

What was the record of the Labor Party during its six years in power?

Good. Very good indeed.

After the first World War, when Britain was still a very great power in the world, and the Churchillites were riding high, there were always great numbers of unemployed in Britain.

Then, men who had fought for their country were often helpless beggars. Legless veterans were in front of the theaters where the prosperous went, doing stunts and clownish tricks in the effort to get a shilling from the Tories who could see shows and nourish their minds and souls and bodies well.

In foreign affairs, between the two wars, the Tories were so dumb that they thought Czechoslovakia was a long way off, and no concern of theirs. It is true that Churchill knew better, much better. But his party didn't, and the leaders of his party didn't. Chamberlain, who was a big business man before he became premier and head of the Tories, always toted an umbrella, but he didn't have sense enough to get in out of the rain. He blundered Britain into the war with Germany through his utter heedlessness, his provincialism.

On the other hand, the Labor Government, while it had on its hands an incomparably more difficult task in foreign affairs than the Tories had after the first World War, on the whole hung up a very good record in such matters.

Attlee's party managed to withdraw from the old coercive imperial position in India and Burma with a reasonable degree of peace and amity. It is true that in the Near East things have not gone so well. But at least the Labor Party's leaders have shown themselves alert and informed about foreign affairs. They haven't been so deadly dumb as the Tories were after the first World War.

Under the Labor Government the British people have on the whole shared equally in the austerity made essential by Britain's reduced position in the world.

There haven't been masses of unemployed. There haven't been armless and legless veterans doing tricks in front of the theaters, trying to beg a few shillings as their reward for serving their country in war.

It was a glorious record under painful circumstances and most terrible difficulties that the Labor Party hung up during the past six years.

Don't let the American reactionaries fool you on that point.

If we of organized labor were able to show a record as good as that after six years of ruling a great country, we could be proud indeed.

Our job is plenty big—to win the 1952 election in alliance with liberals all over the country.

And one way to do it is to refuse to be fooled by reactionary blather about what happened in Britain.

THE M'CARTHY PARTY!

Robert A. Taft of Ohio, the Robert A. Taft nominee for the Presidency of the United States, told a South Dakota audience the other day that Senator McCarthy has "performed a public service in demanding an investigation of the State Department."

Taft knows very well that McCarthy hasn't been merely demanding an investigation of the State Department. McCarthy, without any investigation whatever, has been hurling mud and garbage at the State Department.

But Senators Taft and McCarthy are getting closer to each other politically every day.

On the whole, we begin to feel that if Mr. Taft's self-nomination is validated by the Republicans in their convention next year, it would be only fair to quit calling it the party of Lincoln, and call it the McCarthy Party.

Indications are that many Republicans are preparing to back McCarthyism. Take Governor Kohler of Wisconsin, for instance. There has been some talk of Kohler's running for the Republican nomination for Senator against McCarthy.

But recently on the Town Meeting of the Air, when Governor Kohler was asked what he thought of McCarthy's methods, it turned out he knew very little about them. He'd been busy at other things, and just wasn't well informed on the subject!

There'll be more of that sort of thing. It happened in Germany. Men utterly wild and irresponsible in their statements, viciously unfair in their smearing of opponents, gained power largely because the so-called decent people were afraid to come right out and answer them.

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THE ALAMEDA COUNTY Dental Society has come out with a most interesting pamphlet entitled "Why We Back Fluoridation."

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ACCORDING TO THE PAMPHLET, the full benefits of fluoridated water are obtained by children up to the age of eight years. It is during this period that their teeth are forming.

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Adults, it is believed, will receive only slight dental benefits.

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FOR AREAS LIKE OUR OWN which do not have fluoridated water, dentists have developed a sodium fluoride solution which can be applied directly to children's teeth.

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We speak from first hand experience as a parent when we say that a "topical application" for one child costs about $20.

THE FLUORIDATION PLAN has received the endorsement of several highly reputable organizations.

Some of these organizations include The American Dental Association; U. S. Public Health Service; California State Department of Public Health; California State Dental Association, and dental societies throughout California.

Alameda County organizations endorsing the fluoridation plan include the Oakland Board of Health; the California Council of Dad's Clubs; the Oakland Junior Chamber of Commerce, and the Parent-Teacher groups of East Bay counties, among several others.

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED in seeing fluoridation in this area, express that view in writing to the East Bay Municipal Utility District.

In addition, it wouldn't hurt at all to write your City Councilmen the same thing.

"An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure" is an old and famous maxim. It still applies in this case.

—P. L.

TOBIN: STRIKES AREN'T THE RULE BUT THE EXCEPTION

Maurice J. Tobin, secretary of labor.—Most people have learned to read of killings and robberies in newspapers with the realization that these things are the exceptions and not the rule in American life.

But too many fail to apply the same understanding to stories of strikes and labor-management disputes.

It cannot be pointed out too often that most of the workers and most of the employers settle their problems most of the time in a peaceful way. The nawspapers emphasize the strike rather than the peaceful settlement because the strike is the exception.

If it were the rule, it wouldn't be news.

The number of man-days lost through strikes in the United States last year was only one-half of one per cent of the number of man-days worked.

Collective bargaining has become the key to industrial peace in the United States. Collective bargaining is what the government is counting on most heavily in this critical defense period to keep stoppages of production at an absolute minimum.

Labor and management have worked together to meet the problems of the plant. They must work together to meet the problems of the nation.

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Raymond F. Leheney, secretary-treasurer, Union Label Trades Department—Unions were originally organized for just one thing—to better the wages, working conditions and living conditions of the men and women who toil.

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But there is an additional way to show our economic power which, if all members of unions and their families stick together, would also attain great results for all workers.

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"As a citizen of the United States you have been called upon to protect your country's freedom. As an apprentice you will want to protect your rights and the position you have achieved in your craft."

When you are notified to report to duty, Tobin says, you should—

1—Inform your employer, union secretary, and secretary of your local joint apprenticeship committee (if under the supervision of one) of your intention to enter the Armed Forces and ask your employer about his military leave policy.

2—Notify your nearest Veterans Administration office if you are receiving benefits under the G. I. Bill or Public Law 16. A failure to do this could result in the forfeiture of a portion of your rights under the law.

3—Make sure that your apprenticeship record is up to date and that you have been credited with the entire time spent on the job and in classroom studies.

4—Obtain a certified copy of this apprentice record. This is important to you because you may wish to re-enter your apprenticeship with an employer other than your present one and your past experience might not be fully accredited to you without a copy of this record.

5—Be sure to have your apprenticeship record with you when you report for active duty.

Show it when you are asked about your specialties and skills. The Armed Forces have stated that your record of training will help them to place you where you will be most valuable to your country.

Many specialty jobs in the services require the training you now have and your past apprenticeship may well enable you to obtain the promotion offered by the Armed Forces to men of ability.

Tobin's message is contained in a Bureau of Apprenticeship pamphlet entitled "What to Do When Apprentice Joe Becomes G. I. Joe."

Copies of this pamphlet may be obtained by writing to the Bureau of Apprenticeship, U. S. Labor Department, Washington 25, D. C.

THE STORY OF A 'FREE RIDER' WHOSE TIME SUDDENLY RAN OUT

Fresno Labor Citizen

A "free rider" thinks himself pretty smart because he gets most union benefits, and doesn't pay any union dues, attend any union meetings or in any other way contribute to the general welfare.

Of course he isn't smart at all because neither he nor his fellow workers can progress as fast independently or with one dragging his feet as they can by ALL working together.

This loss is a long range matter however, and some are just too blind or prejudiced to see it.

We recently heard of a case where the loss was very obvious to even the most shortsighted.

The worker involved was employed in such a capacity that he was not required to join the union within any specific period. Although not covered by a strict union shop contract, he was expected to eventually join the union.

He delayed the eventual joining as long as he could. He collected the regular union scale and enjoyed the benefits won by the union over a period of a number of years. But he stalled and stalled on paying his $25 initiation fee and joining the union.

His time ran out recently.

You see, by joining the union he would have been covered by a $1000 life insurance policy. But he never joined, and when he was killed in an automobile accident, there was no $1000 insurance payable to his widow.

Yes, he was mighty smart. He rode on the shoulders of his fellow workers as long as he could.

He held onto his few dollars for the initiation fee, but his wife and four children are poorer today because of it. They suffered a far greater loss in the loss of the father, but in the economic field, we feel that it is too bad that they also had to suffer the loss of this financial protection.

BIG BUSINESS JUST LOVES THIS KIND OF 'FREE ENTERPRISE'

Labor: Railmen's Weekly

"Free Enterprise" is supposed to be a system under which business men take a chance on losses in hope of making profits. But more and more "free enterprises" demand a "sure thing"—with no chance of loss. For example:

The "Wall Street Journal" reports the government is getting ready to offer a "big new inducement" to Big Business corporations, so they will consent to produce more aviation gasoline, aluminum, and other things badly needed for national defense.

Up to now, the "Journal" says, Uncle Sam has given them many other "inducements"—such as "special tax benefits," government loans, and guarantees that certain kinds of losses would fall on the public Treasury instead of on the "free enterprisers."

All these put together, however, have not proved enough. So now officials of the Defense Department and other government agencies are "putting the finishing touches" on a complete "no-loss" plan. It is said to be so "complex" that few people understand it, but it means corporations which accept the "inducement" will be guaranteed against any kind of loss, no matter what happens.

Of course, all profits will go to the "free enterprisers," and all losses will be paid by the people.

Is that "Free Enterprise," or is it a peculiar kind of "Socialism"?

MOVING?

ARE YOU MOVING TO A NEW ADDRESS?

The U. S. Post Office Department, under a new ruling, will no longer notify The East Bay Labor Journal of your new address. It is now your responsibility. Unless you notify this newspaper when you move, the post office will suspend delivery of your newspaper after two issues.

FILL OUT THE FORM AND MAIL TO US!

Otherwise, you will not receive your weekly newspaper. Furthermore, your union will be unable to keep in touch with you on important union meetings, death assessments and benefits and important communications.

Effective immediately I am moving to a new address.

Name..... Local No.....

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WOMEN *in This World*
By EDITH McCONN

PARENTS PAMPER their adolescent children too much, according to Dr. Marynia Farnham, psychologist, who recently published a book called "The Adolescent."

Well, we've heard that before, and parents are still in a quarndary about how strict or how lenient they should be with the growing boys and girls.

Dr. Farnham believes, however, that we've swung too far over in the direction of leniency.

"We seduce their love by extending privileges that carry no responsibility," she says. "Somebody has got to fill the woodbox, but instead, everybody goes off to the dance."

Because of our urban civilization, our wars and general stepped-up tempo, Dr. Farnham believes that it is harder than ever to be an adolescent these days. It is also harder to be a parent. Or just to be a human being.

To bring up children to be soft, however, isn't going to help them to get along in this present-day problem-ridden world. She makes a distinction between being moral and being moralistic.

We've still got to have a moral code and we've still got to hold our children to it. We've got to teach our children how to take responsibility, if not in one way, then another.

The mother who "does everything" for her daughters, who washes their stockings and irons their blouses and tidies their room and excuses them from all household chores, so that they may have their fun, isn't teaching them to live in a world where sooner or later they are going to have to do all these things and more for themselves.

The father who hands his son an allowance and the free use of the family car without demanding duties from the boy in return, isn't helping things along.

No one wants to return to the stern days of old when the rod was not spared and when children were seen but not heard. We want our children to be happy and free.

This world is not the Garden of Eden, however. While we still have opportunities for much happiness, we also have more problems than man has ever had before.

We believe in strong bodies for our children. We should also believe in strong souls for them. And strength does not come from unlimited pampering.

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Some of Us Wouldn't Rob A Bank, But We Are Lawless!

An officer of the law remarked recently that if citizens thought more about compliance and less about enforcement, we wouldn't have to have so many cops or so many jails and the tax-payers' money would go farther.

He said, for instance, that if parents would comply with the curfew laws, and do their part in keeping their children off the streets, some of the enforcement problems we now have would be eliminated.

There are a lot of people who would not rob a bank, or hold up a store, who nevertheless fail to give complete compliance to a lot of laws and ordinances.

Indeed, it is a point of pride to many motorists to get away with all they can up and down our highways. Income tax evaders are another group of non-compliers who cause a lot of unnecessary trouble to enforcement officers.

There are other fields where the average law-abiding citizen thinks it smart to get away with petty violations.

At considerable expense we send men to our capitals, local, state and national, to make laws. For what? The citizen may reply that he doesn't like certain laws. That has happened to all of us.

So what? Should he ignore them, violate them? Certainly not. In a democracy we have the system of majority rule. If we find ourselves in the minority, we have the right to try to persuade our fellow citizens to our side.

While we work at this, we should, in the meantime, obey the law, whether we like it or not until such a time as we can get it changed.

If more of us really played fair in this game of democracy, if we really "complied" with the rules, a lot of enforcement officers of all sorts would be out of jobs, thus saving a lot of money all around.

We beg our cops not to worry unduly about this, however. From present indications we are going to need more rather than fewer of them to help us keep ourselves straight.

FARM PRICES DROP, NOT SO FOOD BILLS

Labor's League for Political Education

For seven straight months this year the prices farmers receive for their crops have gone down.

The Agriculture Department reported September 28 that from February 15 to September 15 farm prices decreased 7.5 per cent.

Have your food bills gone down by 7.5 per cent since last winter? Of course not.

That's because the big meat packers and food processors increase their profits rather than decrease their prices when the prices farmers get go down.

BRIGHT PUPIL

The professor of chemistry was giving a demonstration of the properties of various acids.

"Now," he said, "I am going to drop this fifty-cent piece into this glass of acid. Will it dissolve?"

"No, sir," replied one of the students.

"No?" said the demonstrator. "Then perhaps you will explain to the class why it won't dissolve."

"Because," came the answer, "if it would you wouldn't drop it in."

McCARTHY MAKES RADIO SQUEAL AT HIS BIDDING

The Guild Reporter

MADISON—The Madison Capital Times, which twice this year has blasted the national wire services for biased treatment of news regarding Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy (R., Wis.), now has extended the indictment to the radio networks.

In a half-page editorial spread the paper accused the networks of a "spirit of fear, timidity and abject surrender" toward "McCarthyism."

Backing up the charges is an account of the treatment accorded a speech by William T. Evjue, its editor and publisher, in a recent NBC forum.

Editor's Speech Gets Mangled

Not only was the four-minute talk cut by one-third, deleting all references to McCarthy's public record in Wisconsin, the editorial declared, but also McCarthy, without any previous announcement, was given time on the same program to reply and felt free to accuse the paper of "Communist leanings."

"The editor's talk was ruthlessly gutted and censored," the editorial declared, "but McCarthy's sacred words were held inviolate."

To illustrate, the editor's talk, as originally tape-recorded, was run verbatim in adjacent columns, with the deleted portions bold-faced in parentheses, along with the full text of McCarthy's rejoinder.

The editorial explained that Evjue had been invited "as one of four of the country's distinguished editors" to participate in a forum on present political trends and their effect on the 1952 elections. Entitled "Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow," the discussion was broadcast over the NBC network on September 9.

Last Minute Notification

The editor was notified of McCarthy's appearance on the program on the day of the broadcast.

"Obviously, had the Capital Times editor known that McCarthy was to be given time on the program, he would have taken the occasion to ask the senator some pointed questions that McCarthy has been deftly ducking the last two years," the editorial insisted.

In addition to NBC letting McCarthy "barge in on the proceedings" unannounced and bluepencilling the editor's speech, "Morgan Beatty, an NBC commentator, took up more time in seeking to justify McCarthy's methods and to rationalize his viewpoints," the paper charged.

Portions deleted from Evjue's talk included references to McCarthy's difficulties with the state tax authorities, state supreme court and bar associations, a charge of newspaper silence in the fact of the senator's varying and never substantiated charges of large-scale Communist infiltration of the state department, and a flat statement that McCarthy's record was such that "even his party leaders in this state agreed before he started his Communist campaign (it) would assure his defeat in '52."

McCarthy's speech contained his familiar blasts at the state department and an attack on Evjue and the paper as following the line of the Daily Worker.

The Huey Long Of Wisconsin

"This incident, we believe, significantly supplements others in showing how the radio networks, too, dare not permit a word of criticism of McCarthy on its broadcasts without running to McCarthy to give him the immediate opportunity to blackguard all critics and opponents with his guilt by association technique," the editorial insisted.

"The Huey Long of Wisconsin seems to have bulldozed and terrorized the radio networks into giving him time whenever he says boo."

In support of the contention, the paper listed time given McCarthy to reply to President Truman's recent speech attacking character assassination, even though his name was not mentioned, and the failure of press and radio to take issue with McCarthy's attacks on liberal commentators and newspapers.

Radio's Fear Shocks Editor

"How appalling it is that a mountebank like McCarthy, who is the biggest and most dangerous demagogue to come forward in this country since the days of Huey Long, can snap his fingers and make the American press and American radio come to heel," the editorial concluded.

This was the third blast by the paper at the manner in which national news media handle news about McCarthy.

Twice before, this year, the paper charged the AP and UP with slanting stories on the senator "to fit the bias of the powerful and wealthy publishers who control the policies of the agencies."

TALK UP CONGRESSMEN NOW! SAYS SENATOR BLAIR MOODY

Blair Moody U. S. Senator from Michigan, writing in the American Federationist

What can the workers of America do to assure a Congress more devoted to the public welfare?

I think the first step is to establish, within the ranks of organized labor, an understanding of just what is the public welfare, what is best for a majority of citizens.

Then, if the workers find they have a Congressman who truly represents the people's interests, start talking him up now; don't wait until the primary or the election.

If, on the other hand, it is found that your Congressman is not responsive to the public will and the public need, start now to expose him and his record.

Then begin the task of selecting and grooming for candidacy one who will be devoted to the public welfare, so that when primary election times comes the voters will know your man and have confidence in him.

But it does no good to engender enthusiasm for a candidate if the people cannot vote. And the people cannot vote if they are not registered.

Are you registered? Is your next-door neighbor registered? How about the fellow on the next machine?

And then—get out the vote!

Only when the overwhelming majority of the people exercise their voting privilege (and when did this happen last?) can the public welfare said to be truly represented. This may sound elementary. But isn't it true?

I believe the time to start is now.

Let not the objective be to elect a labor government but rather to elect a people's government with the aid of labor.

WINNING RECIPE

"Elections are never won on Election Day. They are won during all the weeks, months and even years before Election Day. They are won by political activities between elections.—Sen. Herbert Lehman (D., N. Y.).

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